

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE
HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
CUBAN SITUATION

Representative Cornelius E. Gallagher, February 6, 1963, UPI

Rep. Cornelius E. Gallagher, D-N.J., in an Administration-backed statement, denounced today what he called "The numbers game being played by a few irresponsible individuals."

Gallagher, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and a friend of the President, said his statement would be the basis for a speech he planned to deliver in the House tomorrow.

"This business of everyone running around with a do-it-yourself CIA kit might be all right," he said. "But such pseudo super-spies certainly should not take precedence over the hard intelligence of professional experts."

Gallagher, who claimed his statement represented the views of the Administration, said: "Any member of Congress possessing such intelligence has not only a duty but a very grave obligation to present such evidence instead of keeping it under a paper cloak and pointless dagger."

"The President will take every necessary step to protect this country and its neighbors from any offensive threat to the security from Cuba," Gallagher said.

"The President will not be provoked into hasty or ill-considered action, nor do I believe it is the desire of responsible members of Congress to so provoke the Administration."

February 7, 1963

Rep. Samuel S. Stratton, D-N.Y., renewing his attack on Keating, told the House that the Senator "Owes it to the American people to say he was wrong."

"He should come forward and admit he made a mistake," Stratton said.

Stratton also quoted Bruce from a newspaper article as saying he would not be convinced by anything McNamara said.

"These people you just don't convince," Stratton said.

The comment prompted Rep. Cornelius E. Gallagher, D-N.J., to observe acidly:

"They are not impressed by the statements of Mr. McCone, Secretary McNamara, and the President; but they are completely impressed by the statements of people like Moise Tshombe."

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Remarks:

Attached are short excerpts from press statements made by different members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The Director might desire to thumb through them before the hearing tomorrow.

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